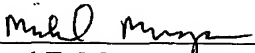


REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 24-41 are pending in the application. New claims 24-41 add no new matter, as these claims contain subject matter deleted from claims 1-23. There are two (2) independent claims and a total of eighteen (18) claims pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the preliminary amendment.

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